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Sir:

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Madam:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office action mailed January 11, 2005. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.